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For: APPARATUS HAVING AN INTER-MODULE DATA TRANSFER CONFIRMING
FUNCTION, STORAGE CONTROLLING APPARATUS, AND INTERFACE MODULE
FOR THE APPARATUS

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

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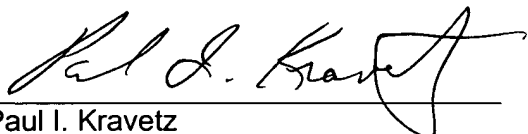
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